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Number of Judgeships: 1

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 Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Began Service: 2006

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Number of Judgeships: 5

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**Joseph Robert Goodwin**  
 Chief Judge

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 Education: West Virginia 1965 BS, 1970 JD  
 Began Service: May 15, 1995  
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**John T. Copenhaver, Jr.**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1925  
 Education: West Virginia 1947 AB, 1950 LLB  
 Began Service: September 26, 1976  
 Appointed By: President Gerald Ford  
 Political Affiliation: Republican  
**Academic:** Adjunct Professor of Law, College of Law, West Virginia University (1970-1976); Faculty Member, Federal Judicial Center (1970-1976)

**Clerkships:** Law Clerk The Honorable Ben Moore, United States District Court (1950-1951)**Judicial:** Bankruptcy Judge, United States Bankruptcy Court (1958-1976)**Legal Practice:** Copenhaver & Copenhaver (1951-1958)**Military Service:** United States Army (1944-1946)

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**Robert C. Chambers**  
 District Judge

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 Began Service: October 17, 1997  
 Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

**Government:** Legal Counsel, West Virginia Senate; Member, West Virginia House of Delegates (1978-1996); Speaker of the House, West Virginia House of Delegates (1986-1996)**Legal Practice:** Attorney, Chambers & Chambers (1978-1984); Attorney, Chambers, Chambers & Heilmann (1984-1992); Attorney, Guy M. Bucci, L.C. (1994-1996); Partner, Bucci & Chambers L.C. (1996-1997)**Current Memberships:** The West Virginia State BarChambers of District Judge Robert C. Chambers *continued*

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**Thomas E. Johnston**  
 District Judge

Education: West Virginia 1989 BA, 1992 JD  
 Began Service: April 17, 2006

**Government:** U.S. Attorney, West Virginia - Northern District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice

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**Irene Cornelia Berger**  
 District Judge

Date of Birth: 1954  
 Education: West Virginia 1976, 1979 JD  
 Began Service: December 11, 2009

**Government:** Assistant Prosecuting Attorney, Office of the Prosecuting Attorney, County of Kanawha, West Virginia (1982-1994); Attorney, Virginia - Western District, Executive Office for United States Attorneys, United States Department of Justice (1994)**Judicial:** Circuit Judge, Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, West Virginia (1994-2009)**Current Memberships:** American Bar Association; West Virginia Bar Association

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